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VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2011 MEETING

In attendance: Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel.

- The **minutes** of the January meeting were accepted with two corrections.
- **Census Survey:**
 - Already 2059 returns from over 19,000 sent out. No preliminary reports of results before the March 15 deadline, to avoid influencing last-minute responses.
 - To encourage more responses, Joey will ask Joan Roman to put something on the website and Jane will ask Gordon to write something for the *Advocate*.

Joey and Josh will try to get scanned sign-up information into a user-friendly format.

How to deal with comments: Sort into categories, tally groups of similar comments, list the most interesting or helpful ones in full.

- **Coming Events:**
 - Introduction to Town Meeting: Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Town Hall
 - Candidates' Night: March 24, 7:30 p.m., Town Hall
 - EcoFest: March 26, 10 – 2, Town Hall. Sustainable Arlington will have a table; Spy Pond and Reservoir Committees should too.
 - Disability Job Fair: April 7, Town Hall
 - Spy Pond Trails Day: May 7, 9 - 1, south end of Spy Pond.
 - Installation of habitat garden at Reservoir: date(s) to be set
- **Other business:**
 - David White has agreed to co-chair the Reservoir Committee; another co-chair needed.
 - Joey expressed concern that so few Town officials attend Standing Committee meetings; it is becoming an all-volunteer affair rather than a cooperation between the Town and volunteers. Ex-officio members could be encouraged to send a representative if they cannot come in person. Any other ideas for getting them more involved?
 - A showing of the film "Nuclear Tipping Point" followed by a panel discussion is planned for April. The League of Women Voters is co-sponsoring; we agreed that Vision 2020 should be a co-sponsor too.
 - The Attorney General is offering information sessions on the Open Meeting Law. Andrew will attend the one on March 2 and report.
 - The Tree Committee plans to order 50-100 trees to be given out for free to people willing to plant and care for them. It has 23 applicants so far. Are the Res and Spy Pond committees interested? Could a committee be formed in every precinct to check where trees are needed and to plant them?